

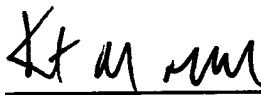
## REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is presented in concurrent with the filing of, and prior to examination of the above-identified application. Entry is respectfully requested prior to calculation of claim fees. No new matter is believe to be added by this amendment. Upon entry of the amendment, claims 5, 7, 8, 11-13, 15, 16 and 20 are hereby amended to remove multiple dependencies. Claims 21 and 22 are cancelled without prejudice.

Applicants believe the case is in form for allowance and request prompt examination and issuance of a Notice of Allowability. Should there remain any resolved issues, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Kurt M. Maschoff, Applicants' Attorney at (203) 972-0081 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Date

  
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